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SUBJECT: G-10 MEETING SEPTEMBER 29

REF: LEDDY/TEMPLEMAN TELECON SEPTEMBER 16

1. BANK OF ITALY VICE DIRECTOR GENERAL OSSALA TOLD TREASATT SEPTEMBER 18 THAT US POSITION RE RENEWAL OF GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS TO BORROW (GAB) CONFORMED QUITE CLOSELY WITH VIEWS OF EC MEMBERS EXPRESSED AT SEPTEMBER 17 EC MONETARY COMMITTEE MEETING. HOWEVER, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OSSOLA STILL BELIEVES THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO OMIT

MEETING OF G-10 DEPUTIES PRIOR TO MEETING OF MINISTERS. HE SAID THAT THIS WAS ALSO GENERAL OPINION OF OTHER EC MEMBERS. IN ANY CASE, HE DOES NOT ENVISAGE THAT MEETING NEED BE VERY LONG IN VIEW OF INDICATION OF GENERAL AGREEMENT ON APPROACH TO GAB RENEWAL. HE ALSO SAID THAT IT WAS LIKELY THAT THERE WOULD BE SINGLE SPOKESMAN FOR EC, WHICH WOULD REDUCE TIME REQUIRED FOR MEETING.

- 2. OSSOLA PROPOSES TO CALL MEETING OF DEPUTIES AT 11:00 A.M. ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, AND OF G-10 MINISTERS FOR 4:00 P.M. THAT AFTERNOON. ALTERNATIVELY, MINISTERS MIGHT MEET IMMEDIATELY AFTER DEPUTIES, ON ASSUMPTION THAT NO SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES WILL ARISE AT DEPUTIES' MEETING.
- 3. OSSOLA IS AWARE OF SCHEDULING PROBLEM FOR US OFFICIALS. HE ASKED FOR US REACTION TO TIMING OF PROPOSED MEETINGS, IF POSSIBLE, BY COB ROME TIME SEPTEMBER 19. VOLPE

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